



BORIS THE SPIDER

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Raw Power, and Naked Greed**

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"*

--Sir Walter Scott--



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CON SEASON IS UPON US

With DixieCon already behind us, (see Ron Fisher's report on p. 161 we're into the meat of the gaming Con season. Coming soon are:

Origins, Columbus OH, 4-7 Jul 02, <http://www.origingames.com>

World Boardgaming Championships, Hunt Valley, MD, 30 Jul-4 Aug 02,

<http://www.boardgamers.org>

GenCon XXXV, Milwaukee WI, 8-11 Aug 02, <http://www.wizards.com/default.asp?x=gencon>

The Andersons (and presumably Laird Khasz) will be attending Origins. Wayne Morrison and I will be driving up from Florida for WBC (will likely see Wade Fowble and Paul Saunders there and maybe Mark Fruhe). John Butitta and Don Chinnery are usually at GenCon.

Picked up a few more games whilst in California. Of particular interest to our subscribers are SAMURAI (think of it as KINGMAKER in Japan) and the Hasbro/AH HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

SILVERTON will end next time and will be replaced by another railroad game. Could be another SILVERTON Expansion and/or Advanced game, perhaps the Mayfair version Basic or Advanced, given enough interest. Otherwise we have a quorum for 1835 (but could take 2 more -- how about it Ron?). Let me know what your druthers are.

I've had a hard time filling game positions of late. Well, it's not just me. Conrad von Metzke (hobby legend and retired long time pubber), the current Boardman number coordinator, tells me that the first postal DIP game request for registration this year came in May. Our "Boris XVI" is only the third of the year, hence the "C".

STANDBY ALERT!

"Boris XV": France, a prime position. If more than one application, Ms Nar will draw one.

"Boris XVI": France (MAJ Curtis, USAF) has resigned for job reasons. DL Stone and MAJ Shacklett (USAF ret) are primary alternates, but if they decline (so far they have), whoever volunteers (with orders) will get the portfolio, if more than one application, Ms Nar will draw one.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "Diplomacy is considered to be the classic trade of civil conduct between people -- especially in times of crisis and conflict. It also maintains minimum standards of human coexistence, under any circumstances." --- Wolf Lepenius

BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madame Bokluc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) goes to Kevin Wilson for his Turkey-Germany article.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at MAJ James Curtis for his NMR in "Boris XV".

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 5 JUL 02



Russians and French Mutiny!! Germans Kick Butt!

Fall 1907

XV
2001B

MINAS MORGUL: Needing but three more centers, the war is now Germany's to win or lose. The French NMR damaged his defence, but perhaps not fatally. Italy will likely soon join Russia into oblivion.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

FRANCE (Curtis): NMR A Edi H(u), F Nth H(u), r-???), F Tyn H(u), F Nrg H(u), A Ven H(u), A Bur H(u), r-???), A Tus H(u), A Pie H(u), A Pic H(u), F Eng H(u);

GERMANY (Copeland): A Vie S A Tri-Tri, A Tri-Tri, F Den S F Bel-Nth, (F Nwy-Nrg), F Bel-Nth, A Mos-Sev, F Ska S F Bel-Nth, A Sev-Rum, A Mun-Bur, A Sil-War, A Kle-Hol, A Ruh S A Mun-Bur;

ITALY (Anderson): A Alb S A Ser, A Bud S A Ser, A Ser GER A Sev-Rum;

RUSSIA (Wertz): NMR (A Rum H(u)-d), A Gal H;

TURKEY (K. Wilson): F Aeg S A Gre, F Ion-Nap, A Gre S A Bul, A Bul S GER A Sev-Rum, F Con S A Bul.

Orders in brackets fail, imp = impossible, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, NVR = no vote received, nso = not so ordered, nsp = no such place, nsu = no such unit, otb = off the board, r-??? = unit must retreat to ???, u = unordered, uno = unit not owned.

French A BUR must retreat otb or to GAS, MAR or PAR. French F NTH must retreat otb or to HEL, LON, or YOR. Russian A RUM must retreat otb or to UKR where it dies in the Winter anyway.

SUPPLY CENTERS:

FRA: Bre Mar Par Por Spa Lon Lpl -Sev Edi Rom -Ser Ven

(10) Even *

GER: Ber Kle Mun Bel Den Hol Nwy Swe StP War Mos Vie +Rum +Sev +Tri

(15) Build 3

ITA: -Tur -Tri Bud +Ser

(2) Tear 1/2 *

RUS: -Rum -Gre

(0) Tear 1 = OUT

TUR: Ank Con Smy Bul Nap +Gre +Tur

(7) Build 2

* If both A BUR and F NTH retreats otb, France may build two. If either A BUR and F NTH retreats otb, France may build one.

Due next time are orders for retreats, builds/tears, and for Spring 1908 and Press. Ms Nar craves Press! Thanks to Chad for playing on after his position crumbled.

EMBASSY BEAT

Germany to Italy and Turkey: You both have the power to become kingmakers. With whom will you side? The Germans offer many of the 12 currently French occupied cities. Get your requests in early! First come, first served.

Turkey to Germany: Now I know you're a Dip player. Only a Dip player would stay allied with someone until the very end, when everyone was about to just give up from boredom and vote a draw, and then decide to make the grab for 18. There isn't much I can do to stop you, but stay away from my dots or I will try!

Turkey to France: You missed your chance a couple of years ago when Germany was preoccupied with Russia and had all his units away from the front. Chalk it up to a lesson learned. When an opportunity is given, especially when the opportunity is against a true Dipper like Rick Copeland, take it!!

Turkey to Russia and Italy: My only hope is that it takes Germany long enough to get the centers he needs to win that you die before I do. And since the dots have to be some of yours, that is a likely outcome.



FRANCE RESIGNS!! New Diplomat Sought

XVI
2002C

MIRKWOOD: The sudden overthrow of King James has caught all of Europe by surprise and has triggered a rapid rearmament for fear that the babid revanishmentist will gain the upper hand in whatever government that is to follow. While a new republic seems likely result, don't rule out military junta or even a restoration of the Monarchy under a more plant royal cousin.

TROOP DISPOSITION:

AUSTRIA (R Fisher): A Bud, A Vie, F Tri;

ENGLAND (Morrison): A Lpl, F Edi, F Lot;

FRANCE (????): A Mar, A Par, F Bre;

GERMANY (Anderson): A Ber, A Mun, F Kie;

ITALY (K Wilson): A Rom, A Ven, F Nap;

RUSSIA (Fowble): A Mos, A War, F Sev, F StPasc;

TURKEY (Nichols): F Ank, A Con, A Smy;

Due next time: Your orders for Spring 1901 (unless we have no France).

--DOWN WITH THE KING (continued from p 7)

You've drawn # ____ Loyalty, ____ Opportunity, ____ Event card.

Due next time:

- Any modifications to the Scandal roll against Countess Mary (or the hearing, or the trial)
- Any modification to Robert's counsel (Duncan and Mortimer)
- Any modifications to the Political Problem Rolls (including the new ones). Note that Maxwell will be sacked if he fails to resolve "Treason & Conspiracy Trials"
- Your player turn orders.

--BRITANNIA (continued from p 6)

Saxons (1.5): 2A Avalon, Essex, Lindsey, Norfolk, S Mercia, Sussex, Wessex; 1A @ Downlands, Kent, Suffolk

Angles (2): 3A @ Dunedin; 2A @ Bernicia, Lothian, York; 1A @ N Mercia, North.

Legend: A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = leader, PP = population point, R = raider, r-??? = retreats to ???, w-??? = withdraws to ???, * = in melee, # = attack by/against cavalry



MACHIAVELLI

Kevin Elected Popell

French Clobbered!

Spring 1526



ERRATA: Turkish (F Pal-TS) failed. Venetian (F UA-Per), (A Hun-Aus), (A Ist-Cro) all failed. Austria doesn't control Ist. Venice controls Carin & Cro. (I hate NMRs!).

RAGNOCITTA: Both the French and the Papacy have taken some jumps as Venice and Florence prosecute their quaint "Italy for the Italians" campaign while blithely ignoring the northward march of the Turks up the "boot". Indeed, all but the northern fringes of the southern board are under Turkish control. This can't be good for either Christianity nor "Italy for the Italians".

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austria (20d) maintains A Dal (-3d). Florence (52d) maintains all (-24d), builds A FLO, A ARE, A PISA (-12d). France (31d) maintains all (-30d). Papacy (K Wilson, 37d) Maintains: A Man, A Spo, A Urb, A Rom (12d), builds A Per, A Bol, G Rom (9d). Turkey (53 d) maintains all (-24d), builds F TUR & G TUN (-6d), tries to build G NAP, but it's a Austrian home center, so can't. Venice (37d) maintains all (-24d).

AUSTRIA (Anderson, 17d): (A Dal-Cro) r-???

FLORENCE (Cole, 19d): F TS-Cor, (F LS-Gol), A Mod S A Gen, (A Par-Pav), F Sar S F TS-Cor, (A For-Mon), A Gen II, (F Pio-LS), (A Are S A Flo), A Flo S A Arc, A Pisa S A Flo;

FRANCE (McCounsell, 0d): (A Tyr S A Aus), (A Pav S A Mon), (A Aus S A Tyr)d, A Como S A Pav, (A Mon S G Sav - F), A Tur S G Sav-F, G Sav = F, (F Gol S A Cor-Sar), (F Pro-LS), (A Cor-Sar)d;

PAPACY (K Wilson, 16d): A Man S A Bol, (A Bol S A Urb-Flo)nc, (A Urb-Flo)nc, (A Spo-Per)d, (A Rom-Spo), (G Rom = A), (A Per-Arc);

TURKEY (Scott, 23d): Bays PAP A URB (-16d). A Cap S A Aqu-Spo, F GoN S F Pal-TS, G Ann = A, F Pal-TS, F Anc-LA, F WM S F Pal-Tun, A Aqu-Spo, A Her S VEN F UA-Dal, F Dur-IS, G Tun = F, (G Nap = F)nc, (A Urb-Bol);

VENICE (Vasseur, 4d): (A Carin-Tyr), F UA-Dal, A M6 S FL A Par-Pav, A Cre S A Mil, A Hun-Aus, A Sla S A Hun-Aus, (A Ist-Cro), A Pad-Per, (F Car-Ist).

Orders in brackets fail; b = besieged, d = destroyed, imp = impossible, n/c = no longer controlled, ntu = no such unit, nb = nothing to besiege, oth = off the board, r-??? = must retreat to ???, u = unordered.

Austrian A DAL must retreat oth or to BOT.

Due next time are retreats and orders for Summer 1526, and Press. Ms Nar craves Press.

EMBASSY BEAT

FLORENCE: Calling all True Italians to unite in defense against the hordes of French and Turks

Venice to France: Sorry for the moves but since we were unable to communicate this turn I didn't know where I had you. If we perhaps could arrange to talk next move we could get out of this alive. OK?

"Ac Pat Was God Cyning" continued from p 5

Due next time are Turns 2.7 (Bidding) through 3.3 (Card Play).

Your cards (Kartel) are:

LEGEND: e = white circle, C = colored circle, K = cards, M = misery level, t = white token, T = colored token

ERRATA: Venice has \$48 (51-10+3+4). Hamburg has \$40 (47-11+3+1)

THE CAST: (In Tie Break Order)

London (McCabe): \$44, 4C, 3K, 0M, Gal-2, 12t
Paris (Frueh): \$41, 6C, 2K, 0M, 14t
Genoa (Copeland): \$35, 4C, 4K, 0M, Gal-2, 14t
Hamburg (Debbie A): \$51, 5C, 3K, 0M, 11t
Venice (Hanna): \$44, 5C, 1K, 0M, Gal-2, 10t
Barcelona (Buttitta): \$50, 6C, 3K, 0M, Gal-2, 14t

ADVANCES

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Leaders are Exiguus (1st, V) and St Benedict & Rashad al Din without protection.

2.4: Purchase Phase

V (10t) buys Galley-4 (\$10), "Written Record" (N: \$30, 30 cr), "Patronage" (E: \$10, 20 cr, +1 ML), "Overland East" (R: \$20, 20 cr), Stabilization (\$1).
 H (11t) buys Galley-2 (\$10), "Heavens" (A: \$30), No stabilization +1 ML.
 L (12t) buys "Patronage" (E: \$30 +1 ML), "Written Record" (N: \$10, 20 cr), No stabilization +1 ML.
 P (14t) buys "Patronage" (E: \$30 +1 ML), "Written Record" (N: \$10, 20 cr), No stabilization +1 ML.
 G (14t) buys Galley-4 (-\$10), No stabilization +1 ML.
 B (14t) buys Galley-4 (-\$10), "Written Record" (N: \$30 + 10 cr) and "Overland East" (R: \$20 + 20 cr), No Stabilization +1 ML.

2.5: Expansion Phase

V (10t) plays 1t @ Dur, Ath, 2t (=c) @ Salo, 3t (=c) @ Cre, buys a card (-3t).
 H (11t) plays 5t(=c) @ Dan, 2t(=c) @ Rig, 1t @ Ams, Cop, Bre & Mil.
 L (12t) plays 2t(=c) @ Wat, 3t(=c) @ Che, 2t(=c) @ StM, 2t(=c) @ Ber, 1t @ She, eats 1t.
 P (14t) plays 8t @ Col (G,B;W = 2,1,3 no), buys card (-6t), 2t @ Tou (6,6-5 -1BT).
 G (14t) plays 2t(=c) @ Alg, 4t(=c) @ Tun, 2t(=c) @ Tri, 2t(=c) @ Sic, 4t(=1T=c) @ Nap.
 B (14t) plays 3t(=c) Sev, 3t(=c) @ Lis, 2t(=c) @ Fez, 4t @ Algiers, (6,1-3 no) eats 2t.
 G gets the expansion bonus card.

2.6: Income Phase:

B & G (9C) earn \$69. L (8C) earns \$63. H & V (7C) earn \$57. P (6C) earns \$51. There is a Surplus of Silk (6,5+5, no majority holder) and a shortage of Fur (3,4+5, P earns a card). All receive 3.1 card, and G & B get the first cards of Epoch II.

THE CAST: (In Turn 2 Order)

Venice (Hanna): \$64, 7C, 3K, 10M, Gal-4
Hamburg (Debbie A): \$57, 7C, 4K, 10M, Gal-2
London (McCabe): \$67, 8C, 4K, 20M, Gal-4
Paris (Frueh): \$52, 6C, 5K, 20M
Genoa (Copeland): \$94, 9C, 6K, 10M, Gal-4
Barcelona (Buttitta): \$69, 9C, 4K, 10M, Gal-4

ADVANCES

E,N,R

A,I

E,N

E,I,N

N,R

THE BOARD:

B: C @ BAR, Basq, Fez, Gra, Lis, Mon, Sev, Tol, Val
 G: C @ Alg, Flo, GEN, Lyo, Mar, Nap, Sic, Tri, Tun;
 H: C @ Col, Dan, HAM, Lub, Nur, Pra, Rig, 1T @ Ams, Bre, Cop, Mit, Ste
 L: C @ Ber, Che, Edi, LON, Por, StM, Wat, Yor, 1T @ She
 P: C @ Basl, Bor, Bru, Di, PAR, Str, 1T @ Tou
 V: C @ Bel, Cre, Dub, Mil, Salo, VEN, Vie, 2T @ Rom, 1T @ Ath, Dur, Salz, StG

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BRITANNIA

"Egbert"

Turns VII & VIII



The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson

Green: Dave Anderson

Purple: Chuck Hanna

Red: Peter Boyum

Board

R-Bs (2C,2A,Artie @ Alban; 2A @ Pennines; 1A @ Dalradda.

Welsh (1): 2A @ Gwent, Powys; 1A @ Clwyd, Cornwall, Devon, Dyfed, Gwynedd.

Brigantes (2.5): 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway.

Picts (1): 2A @ Mar, Moray.

Caledonians (1.5): 2A @ Hebrides, Skye.

Irish (0): 2A @ Cheshire, Hwicce, March.

Scots (0.5): 2A @ Strathclyde; 1A, Fergus @ Dunedin; 1A @ Caithness, Orkneys.

Saxons (1.5): 2A Avalon, Essex, Lindsey, Norfolk, S Mercia, Sussex, Wessex; 1A @ Downlands, Kent, Suffolk.

Angles: 8A @ North; 2A @ Bernicia; 1A @ York.

Score: Purple 53, Green 18.5, Blue 16, Red 10

TURN VII

Angles: Grow 2 pp. 2A North-York & N Mercia, 2A North-Lothian, 1A North-York, 3A North-Dunedin (6.6, 1.2+1-1 Scot, Fergus.). Overpopulated, loses 1A @ N Mercia.

Blue to All: My apologies for the delay. It simply slipped my mind that I was up.

Victory Points

Purple: R-Bs (1), Scots (3)

Green: Welsh (8), Caledonians (3)

Blue: Picts (2), Angles (11)

Red: Brigantes (4), Irish (2), Saxons (15)

Score: Purple 57, Red 31, Green 29.5, Blue 29

TURN VIII

R-Bs (2): Artie dies. Grow 1.5 pp. Add 1A @ Dalradda. 4A Alban-Moray (4,3,3,1; 2,1 Picts r-Mar). 1A Dalradda-Alban.

Welsh (1): Grow 4.5 pp. Add 1A Clwyd. 1A Powys-Clwyd, 1A Gwent-Powys.

Brigantes (2.5): Grow 1.5 pp. Add 1A @ Galloway. Hold.

Picts (1): Grow 0.5 pp. Overpopulated. 3A Mar-Alban (6,3,2; 2-1 R-B).

Caledonians (1.5): Grow 1 pp. Hold.

Irish (0): Grow 3 pp. Add 1A @ ...

Score: Purple 57, Red 31, Green 29.5, Blue 29

Board

R-Bs (2): 4A @ Moray; 2A @ Pennines; 1A @ Dalradda.

Welsh (2.5): 3A @ Clwyd; 2A @ Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd.

Brigantes (1): 2A @ Galloway; 1A @ Cumbria.

Picts (1.5): 3A @ Alban; 1A @ Mar.

Caledonians (2.5): 2A @ Hebrides, Skye.

Irish (0): 2A @ Cheshire, Hwicce, March; 1A @ Atlantic.

Scots (0.5): 2A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Caithness, Irish, Orkneys.

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Down with the King

Set-Up

Turns 1/2



ERRATA: As Lord Mortimer is an Office Holder, Robert's faction was able to counsel the Monarch. He advised dismissing the Minister of Justice (5 = Monarch is pleased, +1 IP). Lord Mortimer had a shot at solving the war (3) but didn't.

The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Sir Jeffrey (#23), 1 IP, 10 PP, 12 cards.
A. Bargender: Sir James (#22), 2 IP, 10/7 PP, 11 cards, #52(H).
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 2 IP, 10/2 PP, 11 cards, Philip.
Fowle: Sir Robert (#16), 3 IP, 10/4 PP, 11 cards, #35(H).
York: Baroness Mary (#64), 2 IP, 11/4 PP, 11 cards, #42(H).

The Cabinet:

Monarch: King George (50 Support)
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36)
State: Earl Duncan (#34)
Trade: Duke Marley (#44)
Epilin: Sir Donald (#21)
Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12)
City States: Sir Richard (#14)

Consort: Queen Catherine
High Minister: Duke Henry (#43)
Army: Lord Mortimer (#35), H Ro, 1
Justice: Earl Maxwell (#32), 2
Besyzan: Sir Michael (#15)
Cronos: Sir Drew (#11)
Treasury: Duke Roland (#42) H Ma

Turn 2.5:

Mary: Draws #61, Gain 1 IP. Promote Mary to Countess (-3 IP). Roll on the Literary Pursuits Table (3+2 = Uninspired, roll again. 5+2 = Good technical skill, +1 PP +2 dm). Doesn't counsel.

Margaret: Draws #15, Gain 1 IP. Can't recruit #15 (stuck in Besyzan). Rolls on Literary Pursuits Table (6 = Businesslike +1 IP +1 dm). Can't counsel.

Jeffrey: Draws #51, Favor (Gain 1 IP). Recruits 2nd Judge. Rolls on Literary Pursuits Table (6 = Businesslike +1 IP +1 dm). Can't counsel.

James: Draws #34, Scandal. Plays "Extra Activity" card. Recruits Earl Duncan (#34). Sheriff exposes a scandal against Countess Mary (???). Rolls on Literary Pursuits Table (12 = Poet Laureate +3 PP, +2 dm). Sheriff (as Henchman for Earl Duncan) counsels "Crack Down on Conspirators" (4+1, RC is pleased, +1 IP).

Robert: Draws #45, Gain 1 IP. Roll on the Fashion Table (buys a +1 dm, -2 IP: 7+1 = Smart +2 PP, +1 dm). Recruit #45. Counsel "Propose A Treaty" (???).

The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Sir Jeffrey (#23), 3 IP, 10/4 PP, 12 cards, #51.
A. Bargender: Sir James (#22), 3 IP, 13/7 PP, 10 cards, #52(H), #34.
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 4 IP, 9/1 PP, 11 cards, Philip.
Fowle: Sir Robert (#16), 2 IP, 12/3 PP, 11 cards, #35(H), #45.
York: Countess Mary (#64), 0 IP, 12/1 PP, 11 cards; #42(H).

Turn 2:

1. Player order is: Jeffrey, Margaret, Robert, James, Mary
2. Office: N/A
3. Political Problems: Treason & Conspiracy Trials (???), War with Cronos & Besyzan (???). Monarch's support is 50 + 20.
4. Crown Event: (7) = 2 political problems (5 = Foreign War -- still active?) (9 = Townsman Unrest) (10 = Peasant Unrest)

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1856**LORD STANLEY**
SR 1b & OR 1

DATA: Butitta has \$155 and the Tunnel, not \$255.

PLAYER STATUS:

Fruch: \$115, Great Lakes Shipping, Bridge.
 Chinnery: \$245, Canada Company.
 Butitta: \$155, Waterloo & Saugeen, Tunnel
 Zieske: \$280, Flos
 Hanna: \$300

SR1b

Zieske buys Prez cert of LPS @ \$90 (\$280-180 = \$100)
 Hanna buys Prez cert of GW @ \$65 (\$300-130 = \$170)
 Fruch passes.
 Chinnery buys Prez cert of GT @ \$65 (\$245-130 = \$115)
 Butitta buys 1 GT (\$155-65 = \$90)
 Zieske buys 1 LPS (\$100-90 = \$10)
 Hanna buys 1 GW (\$170-65 = \$105)
 Fruch passes.
 Chinnery buys 1 GT (\$115-65 = \$50)
 Butitta buys 1 LPS (\$90-90 = \$0)
 Zieske passes.
 Hanna buys 1 GW (\$105-65 = \$40)
 All pass. Fruch has the Priority.

OR1:

Privates pay PZ \$5, DC \$10, JB \$20, and MF \$35.

Corp	Title	Lay	Token	Earn	Dv?	Loans	Trains	Price	Notes
LPS	#5/C14(mw)	C14	0	N	(1)+90	+2,+2	B80		
GT	#57/P9(oc)	P9	0	N	(1)+90	+2,+2	F60a		
GW	#6/F17(n)	F15	0	N	(1)+90	+2	F60b		

PLAYER STATUS:

Fruch: \$150, GLSC, NFSBC.
 Chinnery: \$60, CC, 3 GT*
 Butitta: \$30, W&S, SCFTC, 1 GT, 1 LPS
 Zieske: \$15, Flos, 3 LPS*
 Hanna: \$40, 4 GW*

CORPORATION STATUS:

Corp	Prez	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Loans	Escrow	Cash	Trains	Tokens
LPS	PZ	B80	90	6	0	1	---	250	22	C14
GT	DC	F60a	65	6	0	1	---	150	22	P9
GW	CH	F60b	65	6	0	1	---	185	2	F15

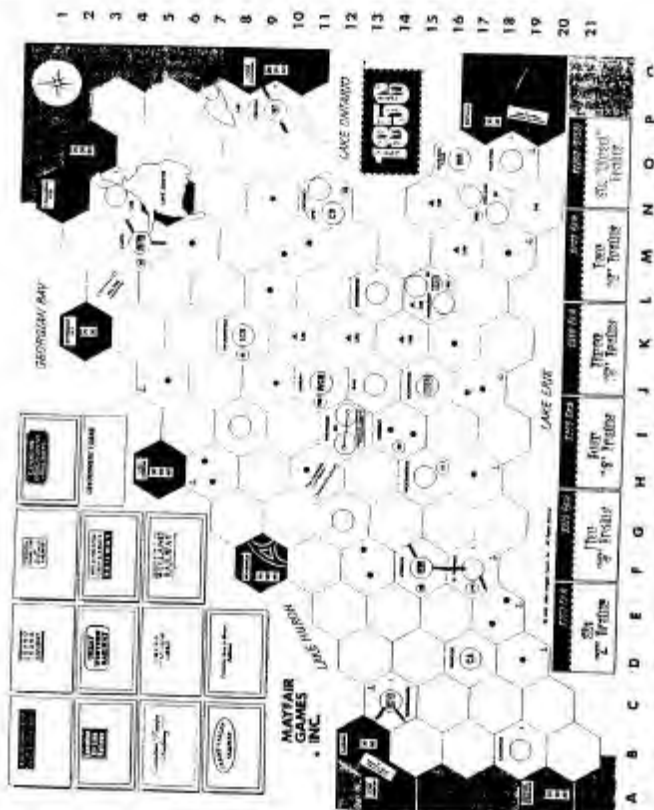
The Bank has \$11,120

AVAILABLE TRAINS: 2333334444555666DDDDDD...

AVAILABLE TILES:

Yellow: #1(1), #2(1), #3(3), #4(3), #5(1), #6(1), #7(7), #8(13), #9(13), #55(1), #56(1), #57(3), #58(3).

Due next time: Orders for SR 2 and OR 2. Frush has the Priority (a rare event indeed). Remember, Corporations cannot buy privates until Phase 2 (which may be high).





SILVERTON



The End is Nigh!
Turns 23b/24a

ERRATA: #78 has 0 Ag. Fisher delivered 1 Au from #3 rather than 5 Coal from #61; Au drops to \$3500; Denver C remains at \$700. Hassler has 4C at #64 and 3C at #66. M. Fisher has \$48,600 (\$45,300 + 3C @ \$1200 + 1Au @ \$4500). #105 has 3 Cu.

Zieske declines #6. Hanna declines #17.

PLAYER STATUS

#1 (Hassler): \$109,625, S+2, P, A2, A3, A1, #64(4C), #66(3 C), C13, A6, #31
#2 (Farrow): \$40,825, S, P+2, A4, B7, C15, C18, C17
#3 (Zieske): \$80,875, S+1, P+1, A20, B22, #91, #98(5 C), #78
#4 (Chinnery): \$41,425, S, P+2, A5, #47, #106(3 Cu), #41(1 L), #95, #60
#5 (M. Fisher): \$45,300, S+1, P+1, #61(5 C), #62(10 C, D), #105, #5
#6 (Hanna): \$56,925, S+2, P, A19, #90, B21, #68(3 C), #63 (7 C), #97(7 C)

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

#5: Leadville (Au): \$500/\$1000
#13: Eureka (Ag): \$300/\$200
#52: Craig (C): \$400/\$100
#55: Bowie (C): \$400/\$200
#108: Steamboat Springs (C): \$400/\$250
The Deck
#6: Georgetown (Au): \$400/\$150
#17: Leadville (Ag): \$600/\$250
#54: Bowie (C): \$400/\$200
#59: Durango (C): \$400/\$100
B8, C14a, C16a, C24

TURN 23b/24a

#1: Operate A1 (+\$100), A2 (+\$250), A3 (+\$400), A6 (+\$600), C13 (+\$2100), #64(-\$250: 2 = D), #66(-\$200: 3 = 1 C), #31(-\$250: 11 = 3 L). Deliver 3L from #31 and 4C from #64 to Denver. (+\$3000+2800). / Prospect not. Survey not.
#2: Operate A4 (+\$1350), B7 (+\$600), C15 (+\$4000), C18 (+\$3000), C17 (+\$3000). Deliver not. / Prospect not. Survey not.
#3: Operate A20 (+\$300), B22 (+\$700), #91 (-\$200: 6 = 1 L), #98 (-\$100: 3 = D), #78 (-\$200: D). Deliver 1L from #91 & 5C from #98 to El Paso (+\$1000+3500). / Prospect Deck (#48). Dismantle Albuquerque-La Madera (+\$300).
#4: Operate A5 (+\$100), #47 (-\$100: 7 = 3 C), #106 (-\$400: 3 = 1 Cu), #95 (-\$400: 5 = 2 C), #60 (-\$100: 2+6 = 3 C). Deliver 3C from #47 & 3C from #60 (+\$3000) to SLC. / Prospect #59 (-\$300). Survey not.
#5: Operate #61 (-\$150: 3 = D), #105 (-\$200: 7 = 1 Cu), #5 (-\$100: 2+6 = 0.25 Au). Deliver 0.25 Au from #5 & 1 Cu from #105 to Denver (+\$875+800). / Prospect not. Survey not.
#6: Operate A19 (+\$450), B21 (+\$1100), #68 (-\$200: 9 = 4 C). Deliver 7 C from #63 to SF & 7 C from #97 to EP (+\$4200+4900). / Prospect Deck (#75). Survey not.

THE MARKETS (TURN 23)

Au: 4 + (0.25x4) = 5 -> ne	\$3500	Ag: 4 + (0x2) = 7 = -3 -> +5	\$4000
Cu: 1 + 1 = 2 -> +2	\$1000u	Den L: 7 + 3 = 7 - 3 -> +2	\$1000
SLC L: 11 + 0 = 7 = 4 -> +1	\$1500	Pueb L: 9 + 0 = 7 = 2 -> +2	\$1000
SF L: 7 + 0 = 7 = 0 -> +3	\$800	EP L: 7 + 1 = 7 = 1 -> +3	\$1000
Den C: 9 + (4/2) = 7 = 4 -> +1	\$700	SLC C: 3 + (6/2) = 7 = -1 -> +3	\$500
Pueb C: 11 + 0 = 7 = 4 -> +1	\$400	SF C: 9 + 7 = 7 = 9 -> -1	\$500
EP C: 6 + 12 = 7 = 11 -> -2	\$500		

PLAYER STATUS

#1 (Hassler): \$118,175, S+2, P, A2, A3, A1, #66(4 C), C13, A6, #31

#2 (Farrow): \$52,775, S, P+2, A4, B7, C15, C18, C17

#3 (Zieske): \$86,175, S+1, P+1, A20, B22, #91, #48?

#4 (Chinnery): \$43,325, S, P+2, A5, #47, #106(4 Cu), #41(1 Li), #95(2 C), #60, #59

#5 (M. Fisher): \$46,525, S+1, P+1, #61(2 C), #62(10 C, D), #105, #5

#6 (Hanna): \$67,375, S+2, P, A19, #90, B21, #68(7 C), #63, #97, #76?

DEPLETIONS: 1-3, 4, 7-8, 10-12, 15-16, 18, 24-26, 29, 32-34, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43-46, 49-50, 53, 57, 58, 62, 64, 65, 70-74, 76, 78-81, 83-89, 93, 96, 98, 100, 102-104, 107, B9-B12

Claims in **bold** are "virgin". "u" = upper, "L" = lower, "m" = mid, underlined depletions Leadville

Due next are orders for Turn 24b. Turn 24 is SNOW.





KINGMAKER

Two Reports Received!

File 00-1
05-08-02
06-05-02

the factions:

- A: Phil Reynolds' The Knights Who Say 'Neet' B: Lee McConnell's Blue Falcon
C: Don Chinnery's Angevin D: Dave Anderson's Blue Meanies
E: David Kurtz's Black Adders F: Flint Webb's Chancellor of the Mighty Horde
GMing By Mike Scott The California Connection.

Event Card Responses: Storms AT Sea, Sinks Le Lucas, Courteney to Okehampton, & Holland to Compton.

Between Turn Happenings: NONE

Nobles & Ships holding in Place: Courteney @ Okehampton, Grey & Howard @ Arundel;
COMBAT! Neville w/ King Richard, Edward of March, & George, Audley, & Duke of York @ Arundel;
COMBAT! Scrope & Fitzalan @ Shewsbury, Stanley @ Douglas, Talbot w/ Edmund @ Ireland, Le
Christopher, & Le Margaret @ Feversay, Le George & Le Trinity @ Milford Haven, Le Nicolas @
London, Le Swan @ Berwick.

Nobles & Ships Moving:

Berkeley, Herbert, Mowbrey, & Pole (Milford Haven) - W35-W27-W28-W23-W20. Bourchier, Percy,
Cromwell, & Greystoke (Grantham) - H7-H15-H16-Thetford-Norwich(c). Holland (Compton) - D10-
Exeter - H51-H41, plays Free Move Card, H40-Salisbury-Southampton-H47-Arundel. COMBAT!
Stafford, Roos, Hastings, Clifford (Rochester) - Leeds-H55-H53-H52-Arundel. COMBAT!

Combats: At Arundel! Two mighty forces again mix it up at the lovely picnic grounds, and again
both sides are belligerent, and neither side has gathered enough info to know what the strength is of
those on the other side... The side commanded by GREY has the advantage.... And the card drawn
is: Peasant Revolt: Earl of Kent to Rochester, etc. and 2: If The Combat is Indecisive!

Seiges: None.

Turn 16 Crown Cards: ONE... Le LUCAS IS DEALT TO Argevin.

Turn 17 Event Cards: 22 Nobles in play = 6 Cards drawn.

1. Scots Raid, Warden of the Northern Marches to Banburg, 3:1.
2. Embassy, King to Preston, 3:1.
3. Storms @ Sea, 2:1.
4. Embassy, King to Weymouth, 4:1.
5. Piracy, Stanley to Douglas, 3:1.
6. Plague, London, 5:4 (no effect)

Royal Heirs: Edmund is controlled now by Talbot in Ireland. King Richard of York, George, &
Edward of March are controlled by Neville. Richard of Gloucester, Edward of Wales, Henry &
Margaret are all DEAD.

Press: None.

TURN 18

Event Card Responses: King Richard, takes his party including Neville w/ Edward of March, &
George, Audley, & Duke of York first to Preston, then to Weymouth. Other Event's no effect, Stanley
is in Douglas already.

Between Turn Happenings: Le Lucas into play @ Whitby. AND the GM again corrects spelling of ANGEVIN. (got to remember that!)

Nobles & Ships holding in Place: Scrope & Fitzalan @ Shrewsbury, Stanley @ Douglas, Talbot w/Edmund @ Ireland, Le Christopher, & Le Margaret @ Pevensey, Le George & Le Trinity @ Milford Haven, Le Nicolas @ London, Le Swan @ Berwick.

Nobles & Ships Moving:

Berkeley, Herbert, Mowbray, & Pole(W20) W21-Ludlow. Bouchier, Percy, Cromwell, & Greystoke (Norwich)le-Thetford-H16-H15-H7-Grantham. Courtenay (Okehampton) D6-H35-Taunton-H36-Bath. Grey & Howard(Arundel) H47-H38-H37-Bath-Bristol. Neville w/King Richard, Edward of March, & George, Audley, & Duke of York; (Weymouth)-H41-H36-Wells-Bristol-H28. Roos. Stafford, Holland, Clifford & Hastings(Arundel) H47-H38-H37-Newbury-Oxford. Le Lucas (Whitby) S32-S29-S28-S27-Malden.

Combats & Seiges: NONE.

Turn 18 Crown Cards: NONE...

Turn 19 Event Cards: 22 Nobles in play = 6 Cards drawn.

1. Event Card to Knights who say Nee.
2. Scots Raid, Percy to Alnwick, Warden of the Northern Marches to Berwick; Bad Weather.
3. Storms @ Sea; 5:4.
4. Plague, Norwich & Lynn; 2:1
5. Storms @ Sea; 3:2.
6. Mercenaries go home, Burgundians; Majority.

Royal Heirs: Edmund is controlled now by Talbot in Ireland, King Richard of York, George, & Edward of March are controlled by Neville. Richard of Gloucester, Edward of Wales, Henry & Margaret are all DEAD.

Press: None.

DEADLINE: JUNE 29TH, MIDNIGHT THE GMTS TIME....

--"KREMLIN" (continued from p 14)

Economy Minister:	Niewtka (D)	73	REDS 5
Sport Minister:	Nagoodnik (V)	55+	RBF 3
Candidates:	HINO		
People:	EFKLPQRSUWXYZ		
The Wall:	A	Siberia:	C





KREMLIN APARATSCHIK DIES!



THE CAST (in Table Order):

Cary Nichols: Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS), 3 cards
 Ron Fisher: Red Bivalve Factory (RBF), 3 cards
 Mike Scott: The California Connection (TCC), 3 cards
 Warren "Goz" Goesle: Sneaky, Treacherous, Annoying Bastards (STAB), 3 cards
 Kevin Wilson: Red Army Ministry of Subversion (RAMS), 3 cards
 Dave Anderson: Dying Anarchists (DA), 3 cards

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	80.4
RGB Head:	Strychnin (T)	57
Interior Minister:	Talksalott (J)	67
Defense Minister:	Schrukurutov (B)	75w
Ideology Chief:	Eatstumuch (M)	64
Industry Minister:	Palavrian (G)	70
Economy Minister:	Niewiko (D)	73
Sport Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	55
Candidates:	CHINO	
People:	EFKLPQRSUWXYZ	

TURN 1

RBF declares 9 ip on "A", 5 ip on "B", 4 ip on "G", 3 ip on "V" and 4 ip on "M". REDS reveals 5 ip on "D".

1.1 CURE PHASE: DA reveals 10 ip on "A" and 1 ip on "T". Aparatschik stays at work, so ages 2 SP to 82. Schrukurutov (B) is weak in his job so ages 1 SP to 76.

1.2 PURGE PHASE: RGB Head Strychnin (T) purges "C" (11), but fails to purge "H" so ages 4 SP to 61.

1.3 SPY INVESTIGATION PHASE: No action.

1.4 HEALTH PHASE:

Party Chief Aparatschik (A) drinks "4" liters of vodka at a reception, and dies.
 RGB Head Strychnin (T) jogs for "13" minutes daily, remains healthy.
 Interior Minister Talksallott (J) swims "19" laps a week, remains healthy.
 Defense Minister Schrukurutov (B) runs "14" flights of stairs to his office, remains healthy.
 Ideology Chief Eatstumuch (M) smokes "18" cigarettes a day, remains healthy.
 Industry Minister Palavrian (G) drinks "10" cups of coffee a day, remains healthy.
 Economy Minister Niewiko (D) runs "18" km a week, remains healthy.
 Sport Minister Nogoodnik (V) spends "5" days hunting moose, grows sick (+).

Due next time are your orders the Funeral Commission (Schrukurutov is the default if Talksallott remains uncontrolled), Replacement, Rehabilitation, and Parade Phases.

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	<Vacant>		
RGB Head:	Strychnin (T)	61	DA 1
Interior Minister:	Talksalott (J)	67	
Defense Minister:	Schrukurutov (B)	76w	RBF 5
Ideology Chief:	Eatstumuch (M)	64	RBF 4
Industry Minister:	Palavrian (G)	70	RBF 4

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Cast: Mike Fisher (F) James Kanne (K) Rick Copeland (C) Debbie Anderson (A)

ERRATA: F has 1 grain.

F: (6) A collects 3 L & C collects 1 L from d5. F collects 1 L from e2. Trades 1L to C for 1w. Build settlement at e3/d3/d4 (-1bgw +1 VP).

K: (10) K collects 2 w & F collects 1 w from e3. F collects 2 w from f4. Play Knight to send Robber to d5; steals g from Copeland. Build road @ e3/e3 (-1b).

C: (11) K & A collect 1 o from e5. A collects 2 w and C & F collect 1 w from d4. No action.

A: (10) K collects 2 w & F collects 1 w from e3. F collects 2 w from f4. Trade 4L for 1b. Build road at e4/d4.

F: (6) (6) A collects 3 L & C collects 1 L from d5. F collects 1 L from e2. Trade 4 Wool for 1 Ore.

Possible trades: K will trade away wool.

Inventory/Summary (Robber at b4).

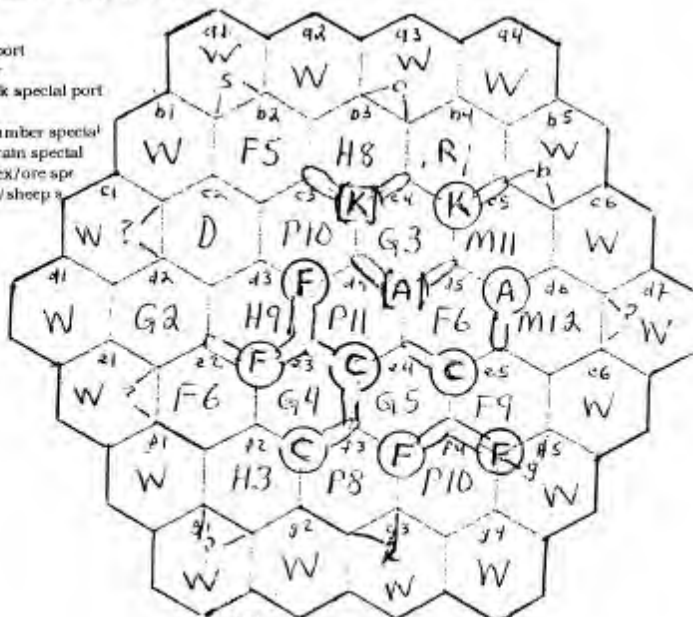
Player	Br	Gr	Lum	Ore	Wool	VP	Cards	Knights	Other
Fisher	0	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	
Kanne	0	2	0	1	2	3	0	1	
Copeland	0	1	4	0	2	3	0	0	
Deb A	0	1	5	1	2	3	1	0	

Die Rolls Turn 7.2 to 8.2:

Kanne: 10 Copeland: 4 Deb A: 6 Fisher: 5 Kanne: 9

LEGEND:

- ? generic 3:1 port
- # dice number
- H/b hill hex/brick special port
- D desert hex
- F/l forest hex/lumber special
- G/g grain hex/grain special
- M/o mountain hex/ore spe
- P/s pasture hex/sheep s
- R robber
- W water tile





ATREWS EPOCH I



TAKES

Dave Anderson: Orange
Mike Fisher: Yellow

Laird Khooz: Red
Wayne Morrison: Ebony

Kevin Wilson: Green
James Kanne: Azure

EPOCH I

SUMERIA (W): Play 1A,F,C @ LT1, 1A @ Zag.

EGYPT (R): Bid 11. Play 1A,C,RM @ NIL 1F @ EMS, 1A @ Lev, Nub, Pal. Score: -11 + C(1x2) + M(1x2) + S(1) + Mid EGP=2 + N Ab(P=1) = -3.

MINUANS (A): Bid 0=4. Play 1A,C @ Cre, ...

SCORE: AL-4), EI-1, GI-1, OI-1, RI-3), YI-1

THE BOARD:

AI: Cre(C), ...

WI: LT1(C,F), Zag

RI: Lev, Nil(C,RM), Nub, Pal

Scas: EMS(R)

DIXIECON REPORT

DixieCon was a blast-I had a great time, but I've had a great time at everyone I've attended (since 1998) so I might be a bit biased for a shameless shill-take your pick). But it was special-all the past winners of DixieCons were there plus a few other champions of Diplomacy: I played on four Dip boards and all including Sundays had atleast one champion playing. There were seven boards Friday night, seven saturday morning, five saturday night and six again on sunday. And one board that started saturday at about 9 am ended with an Italian solo at 10:30pm saturday night. Played right through the BBQ dinner and all.

I saw lots of old friends, achieved a personal goal of seeing Jim Yerkey actually play Dip, this is the first year I played 4-Dips and no non-dip game but saw a lot of the usual suspects, this year new was Viking (is Dip variant) and BloodBowl. Also David introduced a team of youngsters: a fifteen and two fourteen year-olds (future of the hobby, blagblagblag...) I played with a couple-one is in a school club with 27 members; thats a mini-tournament every club meeting. Watched off-and-on a Battle of Cinco de Mayo with minatures and even saw an Illuminati card game in progress, but I played Dip.

Friday night I balled about 1:30am with a one unit France in '09, I went to bed-it ended in a three-way but I forgot to write it down, I didn't get any points so...Saturday morning I was on a board with Roy Rink (2001) and Steve Koehler (#2-2001) and we beat-up on a couple people (I ended with a 7 center Turkey) voted ourselves a four-way they-its con points, not much but much better than the eliminations) and got done at 1:30-got a little lunch, got a shower and ready early for the world famous BBQ. Stuffed to the gills we staggered back for another round-I was on a board with a couple of the new/young ones and with Jerry Pest who had just gotten the Grand Prix Champion 2001 award (and sunday he had a real cool golf shirt with his name and the award on the breast, a few "pit-kissers" had neat t-shirts with a pig on them and the words: "Trust me, I'm a diplomacy player" in a circle around the pig. I gotta get a Boris t-shirt) and it was the most fun game I played all weekend-about 1:40am (started at 8:30pm) We voted a two-way and I survived with a 5 center Germany and Jerry and Lorie had 12 Italy and 9 turkey for the points (heyheyhey-I survived: points for supply central. And my Sunday board included Mark Franceschini (1992) and my austria was done in '05, not that I minded-my family including 4 and 8 year-old grandkids were at an Anime Con 12 miles to the east so I skied without making the awards or the dinner or

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Source of the Nile

Turn 4



The Cast:

Don Farrow
Rob Fisher
Don Chinnery

Jason Baigender
Andrew York
D&D Anderson

PRESS:

Dear Horis,

I have caught Englentines' writing bug amongst other things. So here is another go at it. Home, Home on the SWAMP. Where the mosquitos and tse-tse flies play. Where seldom is heard an encouraging word. And Englentine swims with the crocs all day!!!! I know that was absolutely dreadful, but what do you expect, Mozart!!!! Got to push on for now, there seems to be some commotion going on near where Englentine was. Till next time, Emellous.

Royal Botanical Society spokesperson, A. Dent read excerpts of a letter arrived from MR Pilkington, exploring up river in western Africa. The heat is really oppressive-far worse than in India last year. Its not helped at all that it rains just about every night, most mornings and sometimes all day. The only time we see the sky is from the middle of the river-where we spend most of our time as the banks are usually full of Crocodiles or small groups of Hippos. And the bearers fear the Hippos more so a flock of intrest from a Hippo and we're flying up-river. We lost one whole day trying 'Branches' that were dead-ends to small feeder streams but we have passed atleast two really good-sized branches and today came upon a fairly large Lake. As the bearers won't even hear of leaving sight of land, and apparently the Hippos like this lake I plan to explore one or both of the branches we passed-by on the way up.

Orwe of the Askaris has been helping me map out the river-the bearers agree it looks good to them so once I return and present my evidence the Society will be able to name a major (hopefully) Lake in western Africa. So far we have meet two Native tribes, enough traders and hunters pass thru here that the Askaris were able to translate pretty well, both tribes were friendly and provided realtively dry sleeping quarters and feed us well; the Askaris didn't eat everything offered, and would laugh behind your back at some offerings. I wasn't too keen on knowing exactly what dinner was, I never felt any ill effects but I doubt the'll make English Tea. I've also found fabulous stands of plants, saw rocks and formations I never imagined, so much wild-life I'm glad I'm not a zoologist. That's it for now-a party of trappers are heading down-river to Brass and will carry my letter to our agent. My best and gratefull thanks to the Society for all their support, onwards for the Glory of Olde England.

Humbly, MR Pilkington.

..DIXIECON REPORT (continued from p 16)

the 'relaxed' (I've been assured) gaming on sunday night-I haven't stayed sunday night yet so you'll need to contact David Hood to get the results of this years winners. For a players Con this was a roaring success and I'm back next year and the next... Ron Fisher

ON DECK



1830: Chinnery, R Fisher

1835: Chinnery, Butitta, Hanna, Zieske, Copeland

AIR BARON: R Fisher

BRITANNIA: Dave A, Hanna, Butitta, Wilson (awaiting end of Devon or Egbert)

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: R Fisher, Kanne, York, Dave A

DIPLOMACY: Fisher, Shacklett

DUNE: Dave A, R Fisher, K Wilson, Butitta; need 3-6 more

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 more

JUNTA: Copeland, Dave A, Hanna

KINGMAKER: R Fisher, Shacklett

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A, Chinnery

MERCHANT OF VENUS: R Fisher, Deb A, Chinnery

MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA: Butitta, TJ Klausutis(?)

SETTLERS of CATAN: Chinnery, Goz, K Wilson

TITAN: Khaoz, A & J Bargender, York, (Webb); need 1 or 2 more

WIZARD'S QUEST: A&J Bargender, Farrow, R Fisher, Deb A

OTHER POSSIBILITIES: 1829 (N OR S), 1870, AFTER THE HOLOCAUST (*QM Fowble), CIRCUS IMPERIUM, COLONIAL DIPLOMACY, GLADIATOR, GODSFIRE, KAMAKURA, PLANET MINERS, SAMARAI

* Offered by guest GM, when space is available.

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